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Mr. WATKINS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend sections 201 and 202 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That section 201 of the Immigration and Nationality Act
4 (66 Stat. 175; 8 U. S. C. 1151) be amended to read as
5 follows:

6 "SEC. 201. (a) (1) The annual quota shall be a number
7 equal to one-seventh of 1 per centum of the number of in-
8 habitants in the United States in 1950, as determined by the
9 United States census of 1950.

10 "(2) The annual quota shall be distributed in the
11 following manner:

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1 “(A) each quota area shall first be allotted the
2 same quota as it received under the law in existence
3 prior to the enactment of this Act;

4 “(B) the minimum quota for each minimum quota
5 area as heretofore determined under the law in exist-
6 ence prior to the enactment of this Act shall be in-
7 creased by one hundred numbers, and the total of such
8 increases shall be deducted from the remainder of the
9 annual quota;

10 “(C) the rest of the annual quota, less five thou-
11 sand, shall then be distributed among the several quota
12 areas in proportion to the actual immigration into the
13 United States of immigrants chargeable to each such
14 quota area between July 1, 1924, and July 1, 1955.

15 “(3) The remaining five thousand quota numbers are
16 hereby authorized to be issued (A) to qualified immigrants
17 whose services are determined by the Attorney General,
18 after consultation with appropriate agencies of the Govern-
19 ment to be needed urgently in the United States because of
20 the high education, technical training, specialized experi-
21 ence, or exceptional ability of such immigrants and to be
22 substantially beneficial prospectively to the national economy,
23 cultural interests, or welfare of the United States, and (B)
24 to immigrants who are the spouses or children of any im-
25 migrant described in clause (A) if accompanying or fol-

1 lowing to join him. Such visas shall be issued to eligible
2 aliens regardless of their places of birth, nationality or na-
3 tional origin. If the Attorney General determines that an
4 alien is eligible for issuance of a visa under this subsection,
5 he will advise the Secretary of State who shall then authorize
6 the consular officer concerned to grant such immigrant status.

7 “(b) The determination of the annual quota of any
8 quota area shall be made by the Secretary of State, the Sec-
9 retary of Commerce, and the Attorney General, jointly.
10 Such officials shall, jointly, report to the President the quota
11 of each quota area, and the Secretary of State shall pro-
12 claim and make known the quotas so reported. Such de-
13 termination and report shall be made and such proclamation
14 shall be issued as soon as practicable after the date of enact-
15 ment of this Act. Quotas proclaimed therein shall take
16 effect on the first day of the fiscal year, or the next fiscal
17 half year, next following the expiration of six months after
18 the date of the proclamation, and until such date the existing
19 quotas proclaimed under the Immigration and Nationality
20 Act shall remain in effect. After the making of a proclama-
21 tion under this subsection the quotas proclaimed therein
22 shall continue with the same effect as if specifically stated
23 herein and shall be final and conclusive for every purpose,
24 except (1) insofar as it is made to appear to the satisfaction
25 of such officials and proclaimed by the Secretary of State,

1 that an error of fact has occurred in such determination or
2 in such proclamation, or (2) in the case provided for in
3 section 202 (c).

4 “(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f),
5 there shall be issued to quota immigrants chargeable to any
6 quota (1) no more immigrant visas in any fiscal year than
7 the quota for such year, and (2) in any calendar month of
8 any fiscal year, no more immigrant visas than 10 per centum
9 of the quota for such year; except that during the last two
10 months of any fiscal year immigrant visas may be issued
11 without regard to the 10 per centum limitation contained
12 herein.

13 “(d) Nothing in this Act shall prevent the issuance
14 (without increasing the total number of quota immigrant
15 visas which may be issued) of an immigrant visa to an immi-
16 grant as a quota immigrant even though he is a nonquota
17 immigrant.

18 “(e) The quota numbers available under the annual
19 quotas of each quota area proclaimed under this Act shall be
20 reduced by the number of quota numbers which have been
21 ordered to be deducted from the annual quotas authorized
22 prior to the effective date of the annual quotas proclaimed
23 under this Act under—

24 “(1) section 19 (c) of the Immigration Act of
25 1917, as amended;

1 “(2) any other Act of Congress enacted prior to
2 the effective date of the quotas proclaimed under this
3 Act: *Provided*, That the quota deductions required under
4 the provisions of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, as
5 amended, the Act of June 30, 1950 (64 Stat. 306), and
6 the Act of April 9, 1952 (66 Stat. 50), are hereby
7 terminated effective July 1, 1956.

8 “(f) (1) There shall be established a quota pool for
9 each of four geographical regions, that is, Europe, Asia,
10 Africa, and Oceania. For the purposes of this section—

11 “(A) The European region shall comprise the fol-
12 lowing quota areas: Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium,
13 Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Free City of Danzig, Den-
14 mark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Brit-
15 ain and Northern Ireland, Greece, Hungary, Iceland,
16 Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxem-
17 bourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal,
18 Rumania, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland,
19 Free Territory of Trieste, Turkey, Union of Soviet So-
20 cialist Republics, Yugoslavia.

21 “(B) The Asian region shall comprise the fol-
22 lowing quota areas: Afghanistan, Arabian Peninsula,
23 Asia-Pacific Triangle, Bhutan, Burma, Cambodia,
24 Ceylon, China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel,

1 Japan, Jordan, Korea, Laos, Lebanon, Muscat, Nepal,
2 Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Syria,
3 Thailand, Vietnam, Yemen.

4 “(C) The African region shall comprise the fol-
5 lowing quota areas: Cameroons (British), Cameroun
6 (French), Egypt, Ethiopia, Liberia, Libya, Morocco,
7 Ruanda-Urundi, Somaliland, South-West Africa,
8 Tanganyika, Togoland (French), Togoland (British),
9 Union of South Africa.

10 “(D) The Oceanian region shall comprise the fol-
11 lowing quota areas: Australia, Nauru, New Guinea,
12 New Zealand, Trust Territory of Pacific Islands, Samoa.

13 “(2) Quota numbers of all quota areas within a region
14 authorized under the provisions of subsection (a), which
15 have not been issued or otherwise used at the termination of
16 a fiscal year shall be assigned to the pool of the region
17 within which the respective quota areas are situated.

18 “(3) The Secretary of State shall, at the end of each
19 fiscal year, determine the amount of quota numbers in each
20 regional quota pool. He shall proclaim the number thereof
21 on or before October 1 following the end of each fiscal year.
22 The quota numbers so determined and proclaimed by the
23 Secretary of State shall be available for use in the following
24 manner, during the ensuing twelve-month period, beginning
25 October 1, and ending September 30 of the following year:

1 “(A) the quota numbers in each regional pool
2 shall be issued to qualified quota immigrants born in the
3 respective region regardless of the country of birth;

4 “(B) the exceptions to the determination of quota
5 to which an immigrant is chargeable, specified in section
6 202 (a) in respect to quota areas, shall apply in deter-
7 mining the region to which an immigrant is chargeable
8 under this subsection;

9 “(C) immigrant visas shall be issued to qualified
10 quota immigrants under this subsection in the manner
11 and to the preference classes specified in paragraphs
12 (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 203 (a). An
13 eligible immigrant shall be entitled to receive such a visa
14 only if there is not immediately available to him an
15 immigrant visa under the quota specified in sub-
16 section (a) ;

17 “(D) quota immigrant visas issued to aliens under
18 this subsection shall be issued in the order specified in
19 section 203 (b) and (c) of this Act;

20 “(E) there shall be issued to quota immigrants
21 under this subsection in any calendar month of the
22 twelve month period specified in this paragraph no more
23 immigrant visas than 10 per centum of the respective
24 regional quota pools, except that during the last two
25 months of such period immigrant visas may be issued

1 without regard to the 10 per centum limitation con-
2 tained herein;

3 “(F) quota numbers not issued or otherwise used
4 during the twelve-month period specified in this para-
5 graph shall not be available for issuance or other use
6 at any other time.”

7 SEC. 2. Section 202 (c) of the Immigration and Na-
8 tionality Act (66 Stat. 177; 8 U. S. C. 1152 (c)) is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 “(c) Any immigrant born in a colony or other com-
11 ponent or dependent area of a governing country for which
12 no separate or specific quota has been established, unless
13 a nonquota immigrant as provided in section 101 (a) (27)
14 of this Act, shall be chargeable to the quota of the govern-
15 ing country, except that (1) not more than two hundred
16 persons born in any one such colony or other component
17 or dependent area overseas from the governing country shall
18 be chargeable to the quota of its governing country in any
19 one year, and (2) any such immigrant, if attributable by
20 as much as one-half of his ancestry to a people or peoples
21 indigenous to the Asia-Pacific triangle, shall be chargeable
22 to a quota as provided in subsection (b) of this section.
23 Immigrant visas authorized under the provisions of subsec-
24 tion (f) of section 201, as amended, respecting regional

1 quota pools, shall not be available to persons born in any
2 colony or other component or dependent area described in
3 this subsection.”

4 SEC. 3. Section 202 (e) of the Immigration and Na-
5 tionality Act (66 Stat. 178; 8 U. S. C. 1152 (e)) is
6 amended by changing the language “two thousand” to “five
7 thousand”.

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